



September 13, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service; Petition for FCC  
Agreement In Redefining the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies in the  
State of South Dakota Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.207(c)  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 30, 2005, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed comments opposing the petition filed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC), in which the SDPUC asked the Commission to concur in its redefinition of the service areas of certain rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), including Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture).

Venture hereby supports the comments filed by SDTA and urges the Commission to deny the SDPUC's proposal for redefining Venture's service area.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy W. Houdek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CC: Rolayne Ailts Wiest, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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